

Deer Park Community City Schools

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Dear Deer Park Families,

The safety and security of our students is my top priority as your Superintendent. Because I know it's your top priority, too, I need to advise you of some very important information. On Thursday afternoon, we had a serious situation develop at Amity. Before I share the details, I want to first ensure you that your children and our staff members were never in any danger.

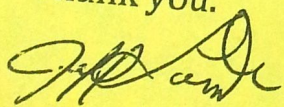
We were contacted late in the afternoon by the Deer Park Police Department that an employee was reportedly using a storage room in the basement of Amity late at night when nobody else was around as a shooting range. I would like to thank Chief Schlie for contacting me immediately when he learned of this news. We then immediately began investigating the situation and discovered evidence that supported this allegation. The employee was immediately placed on administrative leave and was taken to the Deer Park Police Department for questioning. Needless to say, the employee in question will not be permitted back on school district property.

I would like to emphasize that no students or other staff members were involved with this situation. We have absolutely no evidence that supports any of the alleged activity occurred during the school day. Students do not have access to the storage room in the basement where the alleged activity occurred. The safety of our students and staff members remain our highest priority and we thank the Deer Park Police Department for their swift action.

I met with the Amity staff this morning. As incredibly dedicated professionals, they remain committed to the high quality instruction of our students and will not be discussing this situation with students or with parents. We need to let Chief Schlie and the authorities handle the investigation. I ask that you use your own judgment as a parent but would certainly appreciate your discretion in discussing everything I have shared with you.

Finally, I hope that you enjoy Spring Break, get some rest and spend quality time with your family.

Thank you.



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